

DRAFT Governance Policy Second Read

First Things First Governance System

2-104 Board Priorities

Preamble

The Board of Directors is accountable for achieving results that enhance the development and operation of First Things First. Their priorities are compatible with and accountable to the First Things First Framework and Roadmap. Some priorities are specifically listed in those documents; others are required in statute; and others the Board chooses for itself.

Priorities are transformational results that achieved over time help the organization accomplish its broad mission and vision.

~~The Board's role is to keep its eye and energy on the big picture — goals, vision, outcomes, and mission. By overtly selecting priorities, the Board holds itself accountable for its unique role and contribution to First Things First and acknowledges that just as the staff and Regional Councils have specific results to achieve, the Board does as well.~~

~~The Board established a set of strategies around the key elements of the early childhood system that will be the focus of statewide efforts during the next 12 months (July 1, 2008 — June 30, 2009). Each year as a part of the Governance Self Assessment, the Board will evaluate their progress and performance against their stated docket and incorporate them into the Executive Director's Performance Review.~~

Priorities

	Target Date
First Things First overall:	
• Statewide Strategic Priorities to date:	
○ Quality improvement and rating system	
○ Child care health and mental health consultants	
○ Parent education kits to parents of newborns	
○ Awareness campaign about early childhood development and health	
• Consideration of partnership model and how it is working and should in the future (staffing, allocations...)	

Target Date

<i>Board of Directors specific:</i>	
• Creation of public policy agenda and priorities.	
• Increased public presence of First Things First — promoting First Things First priorities and Board involvement.	
• Documentation of First Things First history and case study.	
• Rotation of Board meetings around state.	
• Visitation of Regional Partnership Councils by Board members.	
• High percentage of Board members with no absences at Board meetings. Board members put top priority on attendance at Board meetings and come prepared.	
• Attempt to have one day Board meetings by January 2009.	
• Full subscription of Board positions — no vacancies.	
• Board orientation for new Board members.	